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2 **ABSTRACT**
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4 An implementation is described herein, which facilitates a fast channel
5 change by receiving and decoding a unicast acquisition media stream that
6 corresponds to a soon-to-be-requested target multicast media stream. It does this
7 before requesting the target multicast media stream of the new channel. Once the
8 transmission of the unicast stream is caught up with the multicast stream, this
9 implementation splices from the unicast acquisition stream to the target multicast
10 media stream. This abstract itself is not intended to limit the scope of this patent.
11 The scope of the present invention is pointed out in the appending claims.
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